

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following:

[0030] Accordingly, the present invention provides the functionality of a one dimensional input device. For example, the clear touchpad 100 can provide the input of buttons. Each separate area, zone, button or region is a single button. By detecting which area, zone, ~~or~~ button or region has been touched, a distinct operation can be performed by the portable electronic appliance.

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following:

[0040] The number of zones that can be provided by the clear touchpad can be modified as well, depending upon the characteristics of the clear touchpad being used. The number of zones should not be considered a limiting factor, as the touchpad and its associated touchpad sensing circuitry can be modified to provide many distinct zones ~~or~~ if desired.

Please replace paragraph [0042] with the following:

[0042] Another important aspect of the invention is that the functionality of the clear touchpad can be combined with other mechanical features. For example, one desirable mechanical feature might be a dome button. Figure 6 is an enlarged and cross-sectional illustration of this concept, wherein a touchpad substrate 50 is shown. The substrate 50 has disposed thereon a

desired pattern or layout of electrodes 52 of the clear touchpad. Disposed over these electrodes are mechanical dome switches 54. The functionality provided by the electrodes 52 may be that of a scrolling region. The mechanical dome switches 54 would thus provide a different function in the same space. However, the electrodes 52 might also function as buttons. Thus, there could be dual use of the same area. If the electrodes are active, then an electrode switch might be actuated. If the electrodes are inactive, then the mechanical dome switches ~~maybe~~ may be actuated to provide a different input.